

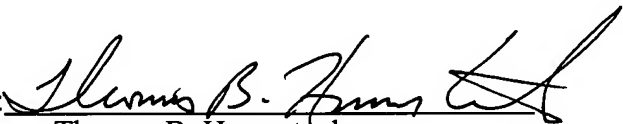
REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above preliminary amendment. By this preliminary amendment applicants have amended claims 1, 4-5, 7-10, 12-16, 19-20, 36-37 and 63-64, canceled claim 11, and added new claims 65-93. Accordingly, after the above preliminary amendment claims 1-10 and 12-93 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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